

Application Serial No. 09/858,379 - Filed May 16, 2001

REMARKS

Claims 1-35, 38-40, 45-47, and 50-53 have been amended for clarification purposes and to correct various informalities. The scope of the claims is not believed narrowed by the amendments.

Each of claims 6, 23, 30, and 38 have been amended for clarification purposes. Amendments to claims 6, 23, 30, and 38 are supported by at least paragraph 85 of the published application.

During a telephonic interview between examiner Michael Van Handel and the below signed representative on August 29, 2005, the examiner requested amendment to the preamble of claims 1-32 for clarification purposes and indicated the application appeared to otherwise be in condition for allowance pending outcome of further art search. The representative indicated he would review the matter and telephone the examiner with a response to the request.

During a telephonic interview between examiner Van Handel and the below signed representative on August 30, 2005, the representative agreed to the preamble amendments. However, the representative noted typographical errors in the claims and recommended the applicant submit an amendment with both the preamble amendments and typographical error corrections. The examiner agreed to this course of action.

Should the examiner have any questions or comments, the below signed representative would appreciate, and requests, a telephonic interview (512) 853-8866 to facilitate a speedy resolution.

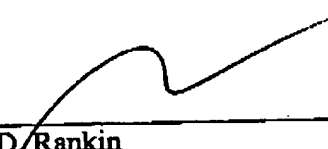
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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5266-08000/RDR.

Respectfully submitted,



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